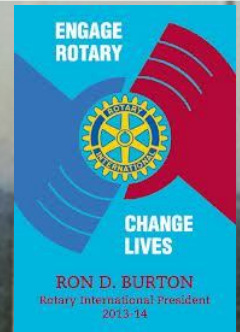




The Rotary Club of West Pennant Hills and Cherrybrook Club Bulletin

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Monday 10th February

Operation Hope

Monday 17th February

Northwest RailLink - Peter Bourke and Katherine Martin

Monday 24th February

Youth Night – Bethany, Brittany, Richard, Nic, Brendan – Bob Davison

Duty Roster

| Next Meeting – Monday 10 February | | Following Meeting – Monday 10 February | |
|-----------------------------------|-----------------|--|-----------------|
| Speaker Host | Bob Davison | Speaker Host | Barry Freeman |
| Night Reporter | Gino Savio | Night Reporter | Colin Wright |
| Front Desk | Brian Furrer | Front Desk | Bob Davison |
| Front Desk | Douglas Lam | Front Desk | Max Henderson |
| Steward | Tony Makin | Steward | Alan Paynter |
| Steward | David Turnbull | Steward | Tom Westcott |
| Photographer | Ross Ballinger. | Photographer | Ross Ballinger. |

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Upcoming Events

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| Weekend February 14-16 Vilde's Mount Kosciuszko walk | Saturday February 22 Book sort at Church Hall |
| Sunday February 23 District 9685 Conference | Sunday February 23 BBQ social with retirement village – Kokoda |
| Saturday March 1 Book sort at Church Hall | Sunday March 4 Board meeting – Douglas Lam home |

Meetings

Monday 6.30pm for 7.00pm – Springfield House – 245 New Line Road, Dural. <http://www.rotarydistrict9685.org.au>
Rotary Club of West Pennant Hills and Cherrybrook Inc. PO Box 103 West Pennant Hills 2125 Australia

APOLOGIES: If you are unable to attend or are bringing a guest (even if they are your partner) you must notify Jilda.
Phone 9439 1422 or email accounts@lhogroup.com.au before 11am on the day of the meeting.

****If you are expected and do not show you may be required to pay for the meal****

Presidents Report



Last Monday night's meeting seemed to go very well. It was my pleasure to introduce four guests for the evening & good to hear that two of them are thinking of joining the club.

Speaker John Lees proved to be a real catch. John is one of those rare people that can not only speak very well on their subject but also intersperse the serious content with natural humour. At times one wondered whether he had ever tried a stint as a stand-up comedian.

Next week we have a lass from Operation Hope. Most years we sponsor some disadvantaged kids to attend one of their camps out at Vision valley.

We had the first Board meeting since the Club assembly last night. One of the themes we picked up on was the desire of members to do some more hands on work. Certainly some of the projects in the past that have required a reasonable team of members have proved to be most memorable. The last one was probably doing

the paving at John Purchase school but the fencing, paths & shadesails at Warrah were all pretty full on.

The original work on setting up the Callicoma Track in Cherrybrook was done well before I joined the club but it was raised at the assembly as a project we could revisit as there are parts where it has fallen in to disrepair. The Board agreed that it was well worth considering and Douglas, as community service director, is going to discuss with Ross, who we believe was the President in the year the original work was done. We understand the project was done in conjunction with Hornsby Council & one of the first steps will be to approach them and test their level of support.

I suggested that it was be good to walk the track which would give those of us who do not know it a chance to see it first hand and also a chance to see what work needs doing. The track starts off Francis Greenaway , at the Boundary Road end and finishes near the Guide Hall.

We have set a provisional date for the walk as Sunday 30th march from 9.00am .it is estimated it will take up to 1.5 hours & we'll finish with a coffee at the shops!

Regards *President Clive*

Night Report for 20 January Meeting

The night began with a good attendance to hear our Guest Speaker John Lees.

Clive welcomed everyone along, we had visitors Eileen from Bendigo Bank back with us again, David Reckless, Tony Cooke and Bernie to enjoy the meeting and have a look at our club.

Vilde was also back with us for the first time since Christmas. She told us of her activities over the Christmas break and how her Christmas in Australia was so different to what she would have experienced in Norway. In fact she went so far as to say it was the best Christmas she has ever had!!

She thanked the club for the generosity of everyone for the presents she received and which were a lovely surprise. She is looking forward to her trip to Kosciusko in a few weeks, and also told us that her Aunt, her Parents and her best friend are all visiting Australia over the next few months so she expected to be very busy with school and all these visitors to spend time with.

Graham Cuthbertson then spoke of the trip to the top of Australia, leaving on Friday 14Feb and wandering down to Cooma then on to the snowfields ready for the walk on Saturday, home on Sunday. So far the Cuthbertson's, Bob and Bev and Vilde and two exchange student friends are going.

The BBQ at Dural had been quite successful again, with some \$650.00 cleared. Barry Lambert noted that it was the best sales of drinks in 2 years at Dural.

There are two dates we have in April and Barry will be looking for volunteers to (wo)man the stands.

Bob Davison spoke of the youth program activities during January. Brittany Bickford had a great experience on RYLA which exceeded her (high) expectations. We also had two students go to RYPEN last weekend (Richard and Nic). They will all attend our Youth night to tell of their experiences.

Ronald McDonald house is again on this Thursday evening the 6th. Changes in food handling laws means that food has to be cooked on the premises however we can bring along sweets dishes. Ross Ballinger advised of arrangements in this regard re transporting dishes to the House if not attending.

The Book Fair in March. President Clive announced that Banners were just about up around the place, we have had the first phone call from a Resident offering donations of books.

Our Guest Speaker John Lees had everyone chuckling away with his unique form of presentation with humour sprinkled all throughout his discussion on the "Myths and Truths about Success"

John is English by birth but has spent many many years as a resident of the Hills District and has spoken at some 2,000 events some very small, some very very large (i.e. 7,000 people) all over Australia and overseas. He ran the Australian / NZ arm of Swartzkopf for 15 years, and so enjoyed the challenges that business presents that he began to speak to groups all over Australia and overseas on the challenges around running a business small or large. He is off to America later this week to speaking engagements in New York, Atlanta and Las Vegas.

Some of the points he made during his talk to us....

Be Valuable – not Voluable. Products cost money, Ideas make money.!

The Value Gap – providing an unrivalled "experience" for the customer. Providing assistance beyond the first level of Service. He used his experience with his Landscaper who as well as providing a quotation for what was requested, also provided a picture/costings on a garden which was more than they had ever dreamed of.... The Value Gap. Guess who got the business.

Some of the lies of business.....

You must be Positive. Just be "**accountable**" and you will be positive.

Knowledge is power. **Giving** knowledge is power.

Avoid Problems. They are a sign of life, everyone has them. **Embrace them, solve them and move on.**

He told the men in our group the secret of a long and happy relationship. Be Right or Be Happy!!! Some of the ladies weren't so sure about that.

His message was essentially, it is always best to Help people, rather than Sell to them.

Moving on, Eileen one of our visitors drew the Raffle for the bottle of wine which was won by Colin McGowan who chose a bottle of Red and then generously gave it to Eileen.

Vilde collected the fines for the Night. Cawas won Heads and Tails

President Clive thanked all visitors for coming along and closed the meeting at 8.40pm.
A great night all in all.

Night Reporter *Carol Russell*

Vilde's report

John Lees



Ronald McDonald House

We had a very successful "Meals From the Heart" at Ronald McDonald House serving about sixty meals on Thursday 6th February. We had comments that this was a great meal, and there was so much variation with the deserts. Thanks to Ross & Helen who organised it and to all the volunteers and those that provided the deserts. Vilde's assistance preparing the meal was greatly appreciated – what a great worker she is.





Rotary International Convention 1-4 June 2014

Volunteers Needed

Volunteers are needed before, during and after the Rotary International Convention 2014 to be held at Olympic Park between May 28 and June 4.

This is a great opportunity for everyone to become involved in a significant Rotary event.

We hope to have 700 volunteers. The more we have the lighter the load for everyone. You, your family and friends do not need to be a paying delegate for the Convention to volunteer.

Volunteers will be needed at the Sydney Airports, railway stations, hotels and mainly at Olympic Park venues.

You can [register](#) your interest in volunteering by selecting the (Download the Registration Form) button below. General enquiries can also be made via the [contact form](#).

[Download the registration form](#)

Home Stay accommodation Needed

Rotary International President Ron Burton, on our behalf, has invited the world to Sydney and what better way to welcome them than to have them stay with us in our own homes.

What a fantastic opportunity for you to meet Rotarians from another country or perhaps other areas of Australia and make lifelong friends and share your Australian family experience with them.

If you have a spare room or two around the period of the Convention 1 – 4 June 2014 and wish to share in this great experience then this is your once in a lifetime opportunity.

You do not have to be registered for the Convention to take part in the Home Stay program, all you have to be is prepared to open your home to our visitors.

There are just under one hundred Convention-goers who are looking for Home Stay accommodation BUT there is presently nowhere for them to stay.

If you can help, please contact PDG Paul Reid direct at homestay@rotary2014.com.au or phone 0424 026 343

- or register at the [Host Organising Committee website](#).

Movie Night for Polio Plus – Wed 19th Feb – Castle Hill

The Polio Plus movie night is proposed for Wednesday 19th February at the Events Complex Castle Hill. The entry fee is \$20. Profits (hopefully better than half) goes to Polio Plus.

This is being organised by Joan van der Berg (Hills Zone). Please forward your interest to Bob Davison - NOW.

The Movie is:

MONUMENTS MEN

Release: 13 March 2014

Directed by: George Clooney (The Ides of March)

Cast: George Clooney, Matt Damon, Bill Murray, John Goodman, Cate Blanchett

Genre: Action/Thriller/Drama

Based on the true story of the greatest treasure hunt in history, The Monuments Men focuses on an unlikely World War II platoon, tasked by FDR with going into Germany to rescue artistic masterpieces from Nazi thieves and returning them to their rightful owners. It would be an impossible mission: with the art trapped behind enemy lines, and with the German army under orders to destroy everything as the Reich fell, how could these guys – seven museum directors, curators, and art historians, all more familiar with Michelangelo than the M-1 – possibly hope to succeed? But as the Monuments Men, as they were called, found themselves in a race against time to avoid the destruction of 1000 years of culture, they would risk their lives to protect and defend mankind's greatest achievements.



Birthdays and Anniversaries



Anniversaries

nil

Birthdays

Jeanette Roberts – 11th February

Food for Thought



All you need is love. But a little chocolate now and then doesn't hurt.

[Charles M. Schulz](#) (happy Valentines Day!)

Humour - Definitely thinking outside the square !!!!!

A father left 17 camels as an asset to his three sons.

When the father passed away, his sons read his Will.

The Will stated that the eldest son should get 1/2 (half) of total camels, while the middle son should be given 1/3rd (one-third), and the youngest son should be given 1/9th (one-ninth) of the total camels.

As it was not possible to divide 17 into half or 17 by 3 or 17 by 9, and the three sons started to fight with each other. They then decided to go to a wise man.

The wise man read the Will patiently. After giving it due thought, he brought one camel of his own and added it to the 17 camels. That increased the total to 18 camels.

Then he started reading the deceased father's Will:

* Half of 18 = 9. So he gave the eldest son 9 camels.

* 1/3rd of 18 = 6. So he gave the middle son 6 camels.

* 1/9th of 18 = 2. So he gave the youngest son 2 camels.

Now add this up: $9 + 6 + 2 = 17$. That leaves one camel, which the wise man took back.

Moral of the story: The attitude of negotiation and problem solving is to find the 18th camel, i.e. The common ground. Once a person is able to find the 18th camel the issue is resolved.

It is difficult at times, however, to reach a solution, the first step is to believe that there is a solution. If we think that there is no solution, we won't be able to reach any!

Vilde's Calendar – invite her out if date not yellow

February 2014

| M | T | W | T | F | S | S |
|----|----|----|----|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 Colour run |
| 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 Walk Mt Kosciuszko | 15 Walk Mt Kosciuszko | 16 Walk Mt Kosciuszko |
| 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 Conference |
| 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | | |

March 2014

| M | T | W | T | F | S | S |
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| 31 | | | | | 1 Safari Brief | 2 St Ives Sailing Day |
| 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 Mudgee Davisons | 9 Mudgee Davisons |
| 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 Entrance Fergusons | 16 Entrance Fergusons |
| 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 Umina Beach | 22 Umina Beach | 23 Umina Beach then Move house |
| 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 |

April 2014

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| | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 |
| 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 Safari | 11 Safari | 12 Safari | 13 Safari |
| 14 Safari | 15 Safari | 16 Safari | 17 Safari | 18 Safari | 19 Safari | 20 Safari |
| 21 Safari | 22 Safari | 23 Safari | 24 Safari | 25 Safari | 26 Safari | 27 |
| 28 | 29 | 30 | | | | |

| | | Club Programme 2013-2014 | | RED YES = PARTNERS on a meeting night. | hols |
|---------------|----|--|-----|--|------|
| | | Updated 22/1/2014 by RWH | | Tentative date hold only | |
| Feb-14 | | World Understanding Month | | | |
| Tues | 4 | Club Board Meeting 7.15 for 7.30 at Rosemary Clarke's home | | Clive Denmark | |
| Thurs | 6 | Ronald McDonald House Westmead. Dinner with and for the residents. | Yes | Ross Balinger | |
| Mon | 10 | Operation Hope confirmed 09/12/13. | Yes | Bob Davison | |
| Fri | 14 | Vilde's Mount Kosciuszko walk | Yes | Graham Cuth. | |
| Sat | 15 | - staying at North Perisher Ski Lodge | Yes | Graham Cuth. | |
| Sun | 16 | - 22km walk Sat | Yes | Graham Cuth. | |
| Mon | 17 | Northwest Rail Link Peter Bourke and Katherine Martin confirmed 22/01/14 | | Rob Hamer | |
| Sat | 22 | Book Fair – Sorting books at church hall. | All | Clive Denmark | |
| Sun | 23 | District 9685 Conference at Chatswood. | Yes | David Turnbull | |
| Sun | 23 | Club social Barbeque 10-5, Kokoda Memorial Walkway BBQ area (adjoining Cafe end Killoola St Concord) Possible speaker on Kokoda. | TBC | Tony Makin | |
| Mon | 24 | Youth Night -RYPEN, RYLA reports. Bethany Ferguson reports on her year. | Yes | Bob Davison | |
| Mar-14 | | Literacy Month | | | |
| Sat | 1 | Book Fair – Sorting books at church hall. | All | Clive Denmark | |
| Mon | 3 | What's this "Social Media" thing all about? Mark Buckingham from Markbits. | | Rob Hamer | |
| Tues | 4 | Club Board Meeting 7.15 for 7.30 at Douglas Lam's home | | Clive Denmark | |
| Thurs | 6 | Bowel Scan sales commence at Cherrybrook Shopping Centre. Date TBC | | Barry Lambert | |
| Sat | 8 | Book Fair – Sorting books at church hall. | All | Clive Denmark | |
| Mon | 10 | The Great Debate - subject "TBA" | Yes | Jim Simpson | |
| Wed | 12 | Moving of Books from garages and containers to Church carpark and setup | All | Clive Denmark | |
| Thurs | 13 | Moving of Books from garages and containers to Church carpark and setup | | | |
| Fri | 14 | Book Fair Uniting Church, New Line Road, Cherrybrook | All | Clive Denmark | |
| Sat | 15 | Book Fair Uniting Church, New Line Road, Cherrybrook | All | Clive Denmark | |
| Sat | 15 | Book Fair "Post Mortem" Dinner | All | Clive Denmark | |
| Mon | 17 | No Meeting. R&R following Book Sale | | Rob Hamer | |
| Mon | 24 | David Hart from Interplast. | | Tony Makin | |
| Sun | 30 | Callicoma Track walk | | Douglas Lam | |
| Mon | 31 | Approached Red Balloon per Barry Freeman 09/12/2014 | | Rob Hamer | |
| Apr-14 | | Magazine Month | | | |
| Tues | 1 | Club Board Meeting 7.15 for 7.30 - C.McGowan residence | | | |
| Mon | 7 | TBA | | | |
| Mon | 14 | Mark Wallace Rotary Down Under invited 16/07/2013 | | Rob Hamer | |
| Mon | 21 | Bunnings BBQ - Dural | Yes | Barry Lambert | |
| Mon | 21 | No Meeting - Easter Monday | | | |
| Sat | 26 | Bunnings BBQ - Dural | Yes | Barry Lambert | |
| Mon | 28 | Anzac meeting - Looking for Speaker | Yes | Rob Hamer | |

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